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TAGS: OEXC MO FARIS, MOUSSAOUI

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TWO PARTIAL IV GRANTS

1. MESSRS. MUSTAPHA FARIS AND MOUSSA MOUSSAOUI ARE TRAVELING TO THE U.S. PRIVATELY BEGINNING 14 AUGUST, WHEN THEY WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON.

2. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THESE TWO PROMINENT MOROCCANS IV PARTIAL GRANTS OF FIVE DAYS OR MORE, PRINCIPALLY IN THE CAPITAL.

3. ADVISE ASAP WHETHER PROGRAM, INCLUDING A FRENCH SPEAKING ESCORT INTERPRETER FOR THE TWO, CAN BE ARRANGED.

4. ASSUMING AFFIRMATIVE REPLY, FOLLOWING ARE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE TREASURY, THE IRBD, A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK SUCH AS THAT FOR LATIN AMERICA, THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK, THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION, AND AMTRACK. BALANCE OF PROGRAM SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO TOURISM TO BE ARRANGED IN CONVERSATION WITH THE TWO VISITORS.

5. BIODATA: FARIS IS PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE BNDE - NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK OF MOROCCO. BORN ABOUT 1935. FREQUENT TRAVEL TO EUROPE, AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST. FAIR KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH. BNDE IS MAJOR PARTNER WITH EXIMBANK AND OPIC IN FINANCING U.S. INVESTMENT

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IN MOROCCO. VIP ASPECT OF IV PROGRAM WILL

DIRECTLY ADVANCE U.S. INTERESTS AS WELL AS SUPPORT
IV OBJECTIVES. MOUSSAOUI BORN MOROCCO ABOUT 1939.
DEGREE IN ENGINEERING. DIRECTOR OF MOROCCAN NATIONAL
RAILROAD (ONCF). FREQUENT TRAVEL EUROPE, AFRICA,
MIDDLE EAST. VIRTUALLY NO KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH.
ONCE MAJOR PURCHASER OF U.S. LOCOMOTIVES AND RAIL-
BED EQUIPMENT AND CURRENTLY ACCEPTING BIDS ON \$500
MILLION WORTH OF PROJECTS INCLUDING MARRAKESH-AGADIR-EL AYOUN
RAIL LINE EXTENSION AND ELECTRIFICATION SYSTEM
ON WHICH SEVERAL U.S. FIRMS TENDERING OFFERS. SAME
PROGRAM RATIONALE AS FOR FARIS.ANDERSON

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